AI and the impact on Project Management/The Invisible Project Manager – Why Artificial Intelligence Will Run Tomorrow's Projects, Without You

Abstract:

What if the best project manager didn't exist?

Gartner recently stated that 'by 2030 80% of what a project manager does today will be managed by AI…' so where will that leave project managers in the (extremely near) future?

In this provocative and future-facing manifesto, Peter Taylor, the original Lazy Project Manager, asks the uncomfortable questions about the impact on his profession from the inexorable rise of artificial intelligence.

Workshop:

Traditional project management has created a substantial legacy, but what if project managers aren't evolving but evaporating? What if success no longer needs a command-and-control human hero at the helm? Thanks to the power of AI, the next generation of project delivery won't be managed, it will be orchestrated, seamlessly, silently, invisibly. It just might be the end of project management as we know it and the beginning of something radically smarter.

This workshop defines the 'Invisible Project Manager' future where AI systems manage workflows, timelines, and resources, while the 'human-in-the-loop' will be a vastly different skillset moving from the managers of activities to guardians of outcome. Accelerated change to the project management profession is arriving soon, and at speed.

At the conclusion of this course, students will be able to:

- Speak knowledgably about the AI landscape, current and future
- Appreciate how AI will empower project managers, PMOs and change leaders
- Formulate a plan for AI adoption within their own organisation

Time:

One day, 3 hours
The remote delivery covers 3 hours and follows the 'best practice' format of each hour of delivery including a balanced mix of presentations, exercises, discussions, and breaks.

Audience:

Project Managers	PMO staff
Senior PM practitioners	Project Sponsors
Project Administrators	Team members

The Lazy Project Manager: The Art of Productive Laziness

Abstract:

'Progress isn't made by early risers. It's made by lazy men trying to find easier ways to do something.'

Learn about the art of productive laziness with The Lazy Project Manager; understanding what is meant by the 'productive lazy' approach to projects (and life) and learn how to apply these lessons 'to be twice as productive and still leave the office early'.

Workshop:

The workshop will cover the definition of productive laziness, the science behind the theory (yes there really is some), and will share some personal learning experiences and look at the key project stages, one of which the 'lazy' project manager works very hard in and the second they should be in the position of enjoying the 'comfy chair' safe in the knowledge that the project is well under control.

A specific focus will be made on the third area, project closure, which can be done so much better with very little effort but with a significant value add for all 'would be' lazy project managers.

At the conclusion of this course, students will be able to:

- Apply the approach of 'Productive Laziness'
- Understand how to better manage themselves while managing others on projects
- Identify ways to apply the concept of working smarter, not harder
- Apply personal efforts where it matters most on a project
- Work with team members in a more productive way
- Plan projects to start the way they want them to start
- Communicate more effectively with the entire project team

Time:

One day, 3 hours per day
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Audience:

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The Project from Hell (alternatively 'The Worst Project in History')

Abstract:

Off to the time machine to save the worst project in history…

Why learn about Project Success and Failure in a dry, traditional manner when instead, you could participate in rescuing the Project from Hell in this exciting interactive and fun workshop? Compete with your colleagues in bringing this project back from the brink of complete failure and into the realms of success – to hell and back in one workshop!

With all events encountered being based on a real case study, the Project from Hell has relevance across any business sector and is very appropriate for mixed project skills within teams. To quote one delegate: 'I'm sure this project from hell is based on Project X that we canned last year'.

Workshop:

The aim is a challenging but enjoyable environment with lessons learnt staying in the mind because of the practical and experiential nature of the learning environment.

Delegates will derive real value from the Project from Hell workshop content and materials, as they very much reflect everyday real-life scenarios; what can go wrong, mistakes that can be made, loss of control that can be experienced etc. Delegates have to identify these and work out ways in which such events can be more successfully managed in the future.

The amount of time available is tightly controlled to generate the stresses and strains of real-world projects and team working. Quickly this is no longer a case study but a living breathing project that must be saved, by a deadline that is rapidly approaching and cannot be missed. Welcome to your real project world!

Time:

Version 1: 1 day, 3 hours, basic Project from Hell experience
Version 2: 2 day (3 hours per day), which includes the basic Project from Hell experience on Day 1 and on Day 2 a deep exploration of what makes projects challenging at attendees' organisations
The remote delivery covers 3 or 6 hours (depending on version) and follows the 'best practice' format of each hour of delivery including a balanced mix of presentations, exercises, discussions, and breaks.

Audience:

The audience is 'everyone' connected in any way to project based activity.

Perfect for project kick-offs and for team building activities.

Strategies for Project Sponsorship

Abstract:

It has been said that 'A project is one small step for the project sponsor, one giant leap for the project manager' - but wouldn't we all be that much happier if that 'giant leap' was supported by a really professional project sponsor?

Based on the research from his book 'Strategies for Project Sponsorship' (Management Concepts Press) Peter Taylor, will lead this workshop to explore the current challenges of project sponsorship maturity and will deliver some techniques for creating an effective partnership with today's project sponsors, as well as looking to the future on what could be.

Workshop:

The workshop will follow the theme of understanding and deploying certain strategies for delivering effective sponsorship within your organisation.

It can be focused on project managers wanting to learn to be more effective with the sponsors they work with, or for project sponsors wanting to improve their skills.

Attendees will learn more about understanding the project sponsors you work with, or indeed what type of sponsor you are, and how to develop an effective working partnership between project manager and project sponsor.

- Better understand what role a sponsor should play and what good sponsorship looks like
- Learn how to understand the project sponsor that you have and how to work effectively with them
- Be aware of the role that you should play in developing executive sponsorship inside your organisation
- Recognise at a personal level what is needed to make the transition to project sponsor

Regardless of your experience with project sponsorship in the past this workshop will allow you to understand more from all perspectives.

Time:

One day, 3 hours per day
The remote delivery covers 3 hours and follows the 'best practice' format of each hour of delivery including a balanced mix of presentations, exercises, discussions, and breaks.

Audience:

Project Managers
Project Sponsors
PMO staff

Make your PMO a great PMO!
How to build and lead the best PMO for your business, and keep it relevant

Abstract:

The workshop is about successfully leading a PMO (whatever you understand by those three letters) to deliver better projects, better business to the customers of those projects and greater success to the organisation that you work for. As well as to best serve the contributing project managers from both a professional and a personal perspective.

Together we will explore some of the research carried out by myself in *'Leading Successful PMOs'* (Gower) and *'Delivering Successful PMOs'* (Gower). The books bring together the experience and views of PMO leaders from around the world and the project managers that work within the PMOs, as well as those who are now seeking brilliant leaders for their PMOs.

Workshop:

Attendees will learn more about the sorts of PMO that can be adopted and the styles of operation and management. The workshop aims to aid participants in learning how to grow a PMO to enterprise level or how to re-energise a PMO within an organisation.

At the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Understand the meaning and purpose of a successful PMO
- Understand what makes a PMO successful (and equally what made some PMOs unsuccessful)
- Appreciate the 5 basic types of PMO
- Recognise the 4 operational modes of PMOs
- Explore the 'Balanced PMO' concept
- Take the 'PMO pulse' of their PMO and identify areas for improvement
- Design a PMO that their organisation really needs

The workshop includes a real-life case study for student reference and discussion and concludes with a look to the future of the PMO.

Time:

Two days, 3 hours per day
The remote delivery covers 6 hours and follows the 'best practice' format of each hour of delivery including a balanced mix of presentations, exercises, discussions, and breaks.

Audience:

The remote workshop is directed at anyone sponsoring, leading, or indeed working in a PMO – whether a 'greenfield' PMO start up or a mature PMO:

Presentation Skills – The Lazy Way to be a better public speaker

Abstract:

Peter Taylor is the author of two best-selling books on 'Productive Laziness' – 'The Lazy Winner' and 'The Lazy Project Manager'.

In the last 15 years he has focused on writing and lecturing with over 500 presentations around the world in over 28 countries and he has been described as 'perhaps the most entertaining and inspiring speaker in the project management world today'.

Based on his experience in travelling the world and speaking to over 100,000 people Peter has developed his own 'Presentation Skills' training to help others achieve more through their own presentations at work and beyond.

Workshop:

This workshop takes you on a journey of understanding as to what makes a good presentation and how you can improve your own style and skills with simple steps.

- Understand what makes for a good presentation
- Consider how their audience will react and what they are thinking
- Appreciate the four forms of 'presenting' purpose
- De-risk that next presentation
- Manage time, content, tools, and actions
- Receive coaching to prepare for or to review their next presentation (optional extra)

'Peter is a powerful, passionate and persuasive speaker'

'If you are looking for a terrific presenter for your event, I highly recommend Peter'

'Peter's inspiring style and humour made him one of the top contributors to the event'

Time:

A two day, 3 hours per day workshop delivery
Additional personal coaching time can be purchased with Peter Taylor for ongoing speaking support
The remote delivery covers 6 hours and follows the 'best practice' format of each hour of delivery including a balanced mix of presentations, exercises, discussions, and breaks.

Audience:

Anybody who just wants to 'present' in more confident and effective way.

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All remote courses can also be delivered in-person, and courses can be combined as required.

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